

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

CLASSIFICATION: G-GC, GR (GEOGRAPHY)

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General Purpose: To support geography and meteorology undergraduate programs and faculty research, as well as provide general information for cadets and faculty.

Collection Level Intensity: General support to Introductory research.

Geographical Areas: No restrictions.

Types of Material Collected: Most sources collected are monographs, with a selection of representative serials/journals, fundamental bibliographies, indexes and abstracts, and a basic reference collection including dictionaries, atlases, encyclopedias and gazetteers. Electronic sources include online databases, CD-ROMs, and evaluated Internet Web sites.

Types of Material Excluded: Audiovisual materials.

Other Factors: Interdisciplinary fields include social science, political science, economics, international relations, history, meteorology, and aerospace sciences.

Subjects and Collecting Levels:

- G Geography (Introductory Research)
- GA Cartography (Introductory Research)
- GB Physical Geography (Introductory Research)
- GC Oceanography (General Support)
- GR Folklore (General Support)

Collected materials are mainly English and chosen based on reviewing sources such as Choice, Library Journal, Booklist, and from relevant geographical serials. Aspects of geography which are maintained in the collection include: cartography, cultural geography, climatology, human and/or physical geography, meteorology, political and/or economic geography, remote sensing systems, Geographic Information Systems, and geographic analysis of Western and Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean, Russia Federation, the Commonwealth of Independent States, East Asia, and Latin America.

Weeding Criteria: Inclusion in Books for College Libraries is the initial consideration for not weeding. Beyond that, age, usage, size of area collection, physical condition, and number of copies are noted in decision-making.

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